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J. E. DAVIS, DIRECTOR

May 14th, 1934

Dr. C. E. Maddry,
Ft. Worth, Texas

Dear Brother;

At this writing it seems that I am not going to get off to the Convention. I was very desirous of going, but the interests of the Kingdom are of much more importance than going to the Convention. So unless we do better than I think we are going to today and tomorrow, I shall not be able to go at all.

And since the main reason for going was to present our claims in some way to Dr. VanNess--though I know it is almost impossible to get his ear even for one moment in the meetings of this kind--and since you can likely do as much with this as I could--even more--I am writing the inclosed appeal. I hope you will at least get a chance to give it to Dr. VanNess, and find out if I would be a welcome visitor to their next Board meeting, if such a visit would do any good.

Conditions are such that something HAS TO BE DONE. I am not saying OUGHT to be done, but HAS TO BE DONE. And you will be convinced of this, I feel sure, when you read the inclosed appeal. Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, and I do not know how many more--Spain, Portugal, etc. etc. and maybe more--all tell us of their troubles. And in fact we know they have them. They have been compelled to cut down their literature more and more till many churches now get just one copy of our principal publication, and use that in their Sunday schools, since they are not able to pay for more.

What are we to do? In time, if these conditions continue in Latin America, we will have no constituency. How can we permit this when today they want our literature as never before--yet they cannot afford to pay for it. We are helpless. We have given away so much and made discounts and cancelled debts, till we are bankrupt, as you already know.

It seems to me that there has never been afforded our Sunday School Board a greater missionary opportunity. If they could only give us money enough to make it possible to furnish each of these fields all the literature they can profitably use, what a blessing that would be! Surely if we can get this matter before them in its true light, it will appeal to them.

So read over what I inclose and make the best use of it you possibly can, while I remain here and see that the literature is sent out for the fourth quarter. The most of it has gone, and we had hoped to have it all out for the far-away fields by tomorrow at the latest, but they have failed me.

(Over)

May the Lord richly bless you as you present the claims of the great mission work to the Convention. I am praying that this will be the greatest spiritual meeting yet.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

Dr. C. E. Maberry,
Ft. Worth, Texas

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May 23, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Davis,
Spanish Baptist Publishing House,
Box 211,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:

You can never tell when Dr. VanNess will send another check for the Publishing House. He may send it on time and he may send it six weeks late. There is nothing we can do about it. I had twelve years experience in North Carolina as secretary of our Baptist work and dealings with the Sunday School Board. You can never tell when they are going to send these checks. However, I will remind him from time to time and hope that we may get regular service with them on this matter.

In the meantime, the Woman's Missionary Union voted at Fort Worth to give you \$900 for the Publishing House. To help tide you over, I am sending you our check for this amount. Please write to Miss Mallory and to Miss Blanche White, thanking them for this gift. I suggest that the gift be used ultimately for the publication work. However, for the present, to tide you over, you may use it for the payment of your taxes.

With very best wishes,

Yours truly,

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P.S. We have decided that it would be better to send a letter of credit for the \$900 than to send a check.